

SSP RELEASE V13.0: CHANGES TO TESTING ACTIVITIES

Besides the correction of 3 pending bugs, the TARGET2 release 13.0 contains five change requests, listed below.

- CR-800: Enhanced Contingency solution (ECONS) – Part I
- CR-812: Display of the resulting balance in ASTransferNotice for ASI6RT
- CR-813: End of day notification to ASI6RT
- CR-814: U2A information on connected TIPS DCA closing balance
- CR-815: Web interface (change of URL to reach ICM).

On 6 June 2019, TARGET2 participants were informed about the planning of the user testing activities for the SSP Release 13.0 from 9 September until 25 October 2019. The testing plan foresaw in particular connectivity tests in relation to CR-815 to verify the connection of participants to ECONS and to the ICM via WebAccess. These connectivity tests were scheduled for two weeks (i.e. 9 September – 20 September).

Owing to some technical constraints and in order to provide a sufficiently stable testing system, TARGET2 participants are informed that the CR-815 will only be deployed in the Test&Training environment on 20 September 2019. This means that the connectivity test phase is postponed by two weeks i.e. 24 September – 4 October 2019; and the User Interoperability Certification for one week, i.e. 24 September – 11 October 2019.

On Monday 23 September, TARGET2 participants are invited not to carry out any testing activities as Central Banks will be verifying the proper deployment of the CR-815.

The deployment of other change requests and of the bug fixes is not affected. The planning of the other testing activities remains unchanged. An updated test calendar is provided in attachment.

National Central Banks stay at the disposal of the TARGET2 participants for any question they may have.

REVISED TEST CALENDAR FOR TARGET2 RELEASE 13.0

	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
Week number/dates in 2019	19/8-23/8	26/8-30/8	02/9-06/09	09/9-13/09	16/9-20/09	¹ 23/9-27/9	30/09-4/10	7/10-11/10	14/10-18/10	21/10-25/10	28/10-1/11	4/11-8/11	11/11-15/11	18/11-22/11	25/11-29/11
Phase															
1 st phase Acceptance test (User functions) by CBs														18 Nov T2 13.0 go-live ²	
User test preparation															
User Connectivity (WebAccess/ECONS I)															
User Interoperability Certification on T2 ³															
Business day including ECONS I (1 day testing)							1/10	8/10							
Business day including ECONS I (3 days testing)									15-17/10	22-24/10					
Standard Monthly Billing periods ⁴	1-30 Aug		1-30 Sept				1-31 Oct					1-30 Nov			
Reserve Mgmt. periods															
Free testing ⁵															
Operating time	CUST	CUST	CUST	CUST	CUST	CUST	CUST	CUST	CUST	CUST	CUST	CUST	CUST	CUST	CUST
WebAccess migration and the use of the URLs	OLD	OLD	OLD	OLD	OLD	NEW	NEW	NEW	NEW	NEW	NEW	NEW	NEW	NEW	NEW
SWIFT FIN mode	FU	FU	FU	FU	FU	FU	FU	FU	FU	FU	FU	FU	FU	N/A	N/A

¹ **23 September is reserved for Central bank testing. No user testing should take place on that day. User testing resumes on 24 September.**

² ECONS I connectivity testing will be organised in production with selected banks during the migration week-end (those banks will be informed by their respective Central Banks)

³ ECONS I participants should conclude the interoperability certification by 4 October.

⁴ Valid for T2S, TARGET2 and TIPS consumption all together

⁵ Unchecked testing